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## FARM BUREAU DRIVE IS GOING AHEAD RAPIDLY

Membership Campaign Gains Big Impetus Through Three Days' Speaking Tour of Cummings

The membership campaign of the Curry County Farm Bureau, which started off Friday with a three days' speaking tour by S. Fred Cummings, national organizer, is going ahead rapidly according to County Agent E. C. Hollinger.

During the three days of Mr. Cummings' stay in Curry County 136 new members were signed up by the bureau solicitors, and committees who are thoroughly posted on the work of the organization are working in each community.

In the initial drive, the Bellview community signed up 27 members, and Pleasant Hill followed close with 25. Since that time the Pleasant Hill committee has reported 32 additional members, and Bellview has reported 32.

The following committees are at work in the various communities:

Pleasant Hill, W. W. Hungate and L. G. Barnes; Bellview, Bonnie Parish and J. N. Brown; Grady, Rev. R. A. Crawford and John F. Smithson; Melrose, J. A. Conley and Mr. Hollifield; Locust Grove, C. A. LaDuke and J. E. Randol; Moye and Pumpkin Center, A. E. Douglas and A. B. Douglas.

From all indications there will be considerable rivalry between the committees in the race for membership, and it is the aim of the bureau that every farmer and business man in the county be given a chance to join.

Later on a systematic campaign will be carried on in each of the towns of the county.

## WALLACE AUSTIN IS MARRIED AT LIBERTY, MO.

Wallace Austin and Miss Edna Lee Smith were married on Wednesday of last week at the home of the bride at Liberty, Mo. The young couple arrived in Clovis last Friday morning and are making their home at 209 W. Washington Avenue.

The groom is a member of the firm of A. B. Austin & Co., and is a young man of plenty of business ability and has a bright future. The bride is not known in Clovis but the news joins the many friends of the groom in welcoming her to this city. This paper wishes the newly-weds much happiness.

## HOCKENHULL BOOSTS FOR MORE SIDEWALKS

The Kiwanis Club members plan to have their entertainment features while the luncheon is being served in the future, thus giving more time to attend to business.

At the Wednesday luncheon A. W. Hockenbush made a good talk on sidewalk building. Mr. Hockenbush stated that more sidewalks were really more important than paving and urged the members to get behind a program to put down several miles of walks this summer.

## HAVENER POSTOFFICE CHANGED TO GRIER

Department Changes Name of Havener in Order that it May Conform with Railroad Name.

Havener, N. M., is no more. The post office department has changed the name of the station to Grier. The station has always been known by the Santa Fe Railroad as Grier and has been so officially noted on railroad maps. When the post office was established the department gave it the name of Havener, it having been named for Judge W. A. Havener of Clovis.

## HOME BADLY DAMAGED

T. N. Belev's home on North Ax-tell was badly damaged by fire last Saturday night. The family was away from home when the fire started and much damage was done before the fire company extinguished the flames.

## TO SOLICIT FUNDS FOR BAND CONCERTS

In order to finance the band concerts by Johnson's band this summer, committees will solicit the citizens of the town in order to raise \$750 to assist in financing the entertainments. The Kiwanis Club has appointed committees to work each block and in this way the work of soliciting the funds will be facilitated.

Those contributing will vote on which night in the week the concerts will be held and the majority will settle the matter. The concerts will be held at the city park opposite the Lone Star Lumber Company.

## ROY SMITH HAS CAR STOLEN MONDAY NIGHT

A 1917 model five passenger Buick car, belonging to Roy Smith, was stolen Monday evening from east Otero Avenue near the carnival grounds.

So far, both the thief and the car are still missing.

## BIG SEWER CONTRACT IS AWARDED MONDAY

City Will Spend \$30,251 in Constructing Approximately 28,000 Feet of Sewer Extension.

The contract for sewer extension in Clovis, which has been contemplated for some time, was awarded to Mr. Claud Fisher, of Phoenix, Arizona, by the City Council Monday evening.

The work will cost the city \$30,251 and the work is to be completed by August 1 of this year.

Specifications of the job call for 26,860 feet of 8 inch sewer line, and 1,140 feet of 10 inch line, 900 Y's 22,000 feet of trench not less than three and a half feet deep and 6,000 feet of trench not less than six feet deep, and the construction of 30 manholes with the necessary flush tanks, etc.

The work will include a large part of the outlying districts of town not served by the present system.

## CAR STOLEN AND STRIPPED OF EQUIPMENT

A. L. Aeff had his Dodge car stolen from the carnival grounds last Tuesday night. Later the car was found in west Clovis where it had been stripped of tires and about everything else merchantable. The officers have no clue as to the identity of the thief.

## HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATES INTER-SOCIETY CONTESTS

Today is a big day with the students of Clovis High School. Classes were stopped at 10 o'clock this morning, and the annual inter-society contests began with tennis tournaments. A track meet will be held this afternoon, and declamation contests will be held this evening.

The student body is divided into two societies—Tri Alpha and Sesame—and each year they compete for the loving cup.

## JONES INVESTIGATES COMMUNITY CAMP SITE

D. W. Jones, secretary of the Clovis Chamber of Commerce, returned this morning from a trip through the central part of the state, where he investigated the territory available for municipal camping grounds.

Mr. Jones was accompanied by C. L. Cooper and R. G. Porter, of Tulsa, who selected a camping site for that city.

Under present rulings, towns are allowed to select five-acre tracts which will be set aside for them on petition of the city council.

Mr. Jones recommends that Clovis select her camping ground on the Rito Esperto Santos creek, in the Santa Fe National Forest, about 12 miles north of the little town of Pecos in San Miguel County. The scenery there is beautiful, and the place would make an ideal camping ground, Mr. Jones says.

## SMALL BLAZE SUNDAY

The City fire department answered a call at 10:45 Sunday morning on West Otero Avenue, where two small sheds and a small house had caught fire. The houses were owned by Ed Gray. The damage was slight.

## WOODMEN CIRCLE PLANS CONVENTION HERE SOON

National Officers and Many Delegates will be Present at State Meeting Here This Month.

The Woodmen Circle Convention for the state of New Mexico, will be held in Clovis April 25th and 26th. Mrs. Dora Alexander Talley, Supreme Clerk, of Omaha, Neb., and Mrs. Katie Ferguson, Chairman of the Supreme Law Committee and state manager for New Mexico, of Albuquerque, will attend the meetings.

Grand officers and delegates from all over the state will attend the convention.

The convention will be held in the Elks Hall, and the program follows:

Monday, April 25, 10 a. m.

Mistress of Ceremonies, Mrs. Ralph Martin.

Invocation, Rev. W. M. Elliott.

Opening Ode.

Address of welcome on behalf of city of Clovis, Lieut.-Gov. Duckworth.

Response, Mrs. Carrie Cusack.

Address of welcome on behalf of W. O. W. and Woodmen Circle, by C. A. Hatch.

Response, Mrs. Dora Alexander Talley, Omaha, Neb.

"America."

The public is invited to attend the program of Monday morning.

Monday Afternoon, 1:30 p. m.

Business Session.

At 4:30 an auto ride will be given the visiting delegates by the Clovis Chamber of Commerce.

Monday Evening.

7 o'clock, initiation of new members.

8:30 o'clock, memorial service to which the public is cordially invited.

Tuesday Morning.

Business session at 9 o'clock.

Tuesday Evening.

At 7 o'clock installation of officers. Get together meeting and reception to which public is invited.

The Albuquerque drill team will put on all floor work and give some fancy drills.

## MAKING CROP SURVEY IN GRADY COMMUNITY.

County Agent, E. C. Hollinger announces that the Grady community, through Edwin G. Hobbs, High School principal, is making a community crop survey. The blanks were supplied by the county agent, and the survey is well under way. Such a report will doubtless contain much valuable information, both for the people in the Grady district and those interested in that community.

## 2500 ATTEND SINGING CONVENTION SUNDAY

Delegates From Many Points Outside State Compete with Local Singers. Hollene has Next Meet.

All attendance records for community gatherings in Curry County were smashed Sunday when 2,500 people met at the Ranchvale School for the thirteenth quarterly convention of the Curry County Singing Convention.

The convention was called to order at 10 o'clock in the morning, and the singing contests between classes from the various communities of the county lasted until late in the afternoon.

By a ballot of the members, the next meeting of the organization will be held at Hollene on the third Sunday in June. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: John F. Taylor, president; Prof. Jeff Welch, Texico, vice-pres.; Miss Lula Mitchell, Ranchvale, secretary; and Hayden W. Jennings of Texico, J. H. Conway of Hollene, and Chas. E. White of Havener, advisory committee.

Professor Bobo, of Coleman, Tex., S. J. Taylor, of Happy, Tex., president of the Castro county singing convention, were among the numerous singers from outside the county.

Many of the visitors drove for a hundred miles to attend the convention, and an accurate count showed a total of 486 cars parked around the school house.

The Singing Convention will meet three times more during the summer.

## CURRY COUNTY FARMERS ARE AFTER FARM PESTS.

Curry County farmers are going after farm pests in earnest now, according to Victor Van Geesen, of the U. S. Biological Survey, who is making Curry his headquarters this week.

On Tuesday demonstrations of methods of exterminating prairie dogs, ground squirrels, field mice and other rodents were given in the Moye and Pumpkin Center districts, and all farmers in these communities have signed up to destroy the prairie dogs on their lands. Another demonstration in the Bellview district was given today.

Poisoned grain and carbon bisulphide are the principal methods used in getting rid of the pests, and it is estimated that the cost per acre in clearing the land of rodents is about 25 cents.

During 1920 about 1,500 acres of land in this county were cleared of prairie dogs, and there remain approximately 5,000 acres yet to be cleared.

## NEW MANAGER FOR RAILWAYS ICE CO.

I. C. Reiff is the new manager for the Railways Ice Co. at this place, having assumed the duties of his position the 15th of this month. Mr. Reiff is from Chicago and has been with the company there. He is a brother of T. E. Reiff, formerly manager of the company's business at this place.

## ASKS FOR FEDERAL BUILDING FOR CLOVIS

Congressman Nestor Montoya Asks Appropriation of \$100,000 for New P.O. Building in Clovis.

Nestor Montoya, New Mexico's representative in Congress, has introduced a bill in Congress authorizing the expenditure of \$100,000 for a federal building at Clovis. Securing a federal building is no small task, but Clovis is entitled to one and the people of this city appreciate Mr. Montoya's efforts to secure the appropriation.

## CALLED TO KANSAS.

Mrs. Edna Rame Durand, county club leader, left Wednesday for Parsons, Kansas, where she was called on account of the death of her nephew.

## WEEK'S NEWS IN BRIEF

### May Have Another Revolt.

Rebel chiefs, who have promised to start a revolution on May 5—the Mexican national holiday—have been selected, according to reports from Mexico City. The purpose of the outbreak is to elevate General Pablo Gonzalez to the presidency and oust Obregon, as well as punish the assassins of former presidents Carranza and Madero.

### Forced to Sign Check.

W. V. Chumley, 50 years of age, was arrested in Amarillo, Wednesday, on the charge of having forced T. S. Cavins, president of the First National Bank of Claude, Texas, to sign a check for \$5,000. According to the banker's story, Chumley stopped him on the street Wednesday morning. The old man carried an iron chain with a strap tied to it, and the banker feared that he would be beaten if he did not sign the check. Following a futile attempt to cash the check, Chumley went to Amarillo, where he was arrested.

### Cotton Association Formed.

Delegates from five states, representing 75 per cent of the cotton growing territory in the United States met in Oklahoma City Tuesday and formed what is considered the largest commodity selling organization in the country. The organization will be known as the American Cotton Growers' exchange, and will have headquarters at Dallas. Oklahoma, Arkansas, California, Texas, Georgia, Mississippi and North Carolina were represented at the meeting.

## GETTING IN PRACTICE

"Pat! Pat!"—It was the mayor calling in a few friends to witness another wedding at the City Drug Store, Judge Noble was at hand, and in a short time Mr. Earl McPheeters and Miss Mae Bramlet, of Melrose were Mr. and Mrs. McPheeters.

"We can marry them in a hurry in here," said the mayor, "because we get lots of practice."

This is the second wedding in the store during the past week.

## PAVING CONSTRUCTION PROGRESSING RAPIDLY

Curbing Work Has Been Completed on Monroe and Cement Being Poured There This Week.

Rapid progress is being made on the paving in Clovis. The curbing has been completed on Monroe Avenue and this part of the work has been started on Main Street and Grand Avenue and the work of pouring cement on Monroe Avenue has been commenced. The contractors are working a large force of men and the paving program will likely be completed ahead of the date first figured on.

## SITE FOR CITY PARK WILL BE CHOSEN

Committees from the City Council, the Chamber of Commerce, the School Board and the Curry County Fair Association are now working on the plan for securing ground for the city park and camp grounds. Something definite will be worked out in the way of a location soon.

## FAMOUS BUTTER FAT COW DIES OF FEVER

Appleton, Wis., April 19.—Sadie Gerben Hengervold de Kol, the Holstein cow who attained a forty-pound butter fat production record in a seven-day test, and known to Holstein breeders all over the United States and Canada, died here Monday after contracting milk fever. She was 9 years old. Officials of the Wisconsin Live Stock association, owners, valued the cow at \$25,000.

### Wrong Girl Kidnapped.

Verda Brown, 13, of Tacoma, Washington, has the distinction of being the victim of a mistaken kidnapping. She was seized near her home, bound, gagged, and taken to Camp Lewis, where her captors discovered that she was not the girl they were looking for. She was released unharmed after many apologies and carried to within one block of her home.

### Want More Water.

People in Amarillo want a better water supply. And with this in view a series of wells will be drilled in that vicinity to determine where the best supply can be had. The city commission has the work in charge.

### Calls Special Session.

Governor Robertson of Oklahoma has decided to call a special session of the legislature to pass appropriation bills for state institutions and for maintenance of the state government, on April 25 or May 2. These appropriations were blocked recently when the lower house of the legislature adjourned without notice and for a time it was feared that the state schools would have to be closed.

### Reparations Committee Busy.

The Allied Reparations Committee, charged with the job of collecting war indemnities from Germany are now busy with plans for collecting the amounts due. Premier Lloyd George of England, and Premier Briand, of France, will confer Sunday with a view of adopting a plan of action.

## CHAUTAUQUA WILL COMMENCE MAY 16

Seven-Day Program Has Been Announced and Company Says Attractions are of the Best.

The Clovis Chautauqua will begin on May 16th. Plans are being made now to handle the entertainment of this year which will consist of a seven day's program.

At a meeting of the Chautauqua signers last Friday evening, W. W. Mayes was named president of the organization this year and John C. Luikart was chosen secretary. The president will name an advisory committee which will have charge of ticket selling and other matters connected with putting over the proposition.

Following are some of the numbers on the program this year:

Viera's Hawaiians, greatest in the United States.

Grenadier's Singing Band, spectacular music.

Philharmonic Orchestra, all string superb.

Hon. John Temple Graves, one of America's greatest orators.

Ng Pon Chew, Chinese Newspaper man.

The Wells Company, musical and dramatic.

Chas. H. Plattenburg, community affairs.

Broadway Jones, N. Y. success by Cohan.

Montague Light Opera Singers, in light opera program.

Mme. Selavanova, on Russia.

Dr. Frank Dixon, National affairs, Clarissa Harold, reader.

Henry Adrian, story of Luther Burbank.

Knofleekova and Company, great violinist.

## BIG MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ON SOON

American City Bureau Will Raise Funds to Finance Work of Clovis Chamber of Commerce.

Representatives of the American City Bureau will be in Clovis on April 25th to commence the campaign to secure finances for the Clovis Chamber of Commerce. The American City Bureau has been exceptionally successful in financing Chambers of Commerce, they having just closed a successful campaign at Rutan.

They will send experienced workers into Clovis whose duty it will be to form an organization that will secure members and donations that will finance the Chamber of Commerce for a period of three years. The Bureau receives a percentage for putting over the drive.

The directors of the local commercial organization have found the matter of getting the money to pay the expenses of the work to be a most perplexing problem and it is believed this big drive for funds will insure the Chamber of Commerce plenty of funds to operate on.

## IMPORTANT CASE BEING HEARD TODAY

A case of much magnitude is being heard here this week before Judge Reed Hollman of Santa Fe. The case is A. W. Skarda vs. First National Bank and First Mortgage Loan Co. of Clovis. The ownership of 3,500 head of sheep, formerly the property of J. Frank Neel, is involved. The plaintiff is represented by Rowella & Reese, and W. A. Havener and the defendants by Patton & Hatch and W. W. Mayes of this city and J. M. Hervey of Roswell.

The case will likely be finished today.

## MURDERER OF NICHOLS GETS LONG SENTENCE

Hon. W. W. Nichols returned this week from Fort Worth where he went to attend the trial of C. A. Putney who murdered his brother, Scott Nichols, there recently. Putney was convicted and was given a sentence of 99 years.

Mr. Nichols was chief operator for the Western Union Telegraph Co. at Fort Worth. He disappeared in February and his body was not found until several weeks later.